

State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: Experimental Waterbird and Shorebird Study

LOCATION: Eastshore State Park

COUNTY: Alameda

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Conduct a three-year study of waterbird (including shorebirds and waders) use of the North Basin in Eastshore State Park in order to determine waterbird response to disturbance. Experimental studies will include six trials per year conducted during winter months; each experiment will include four independent disturbance trials using non-motorized watercraft to determine how such disturbance affects distribution, abundance, and behavior of waterbirds within the basin. Study results will inform management recommendations designed to minimize disturbance to rafts of wintering ducks and other waterbirds in the North Basin and to prevent adverse impacts. Project is a new additional component to the Waterbird and Shorebird Survey at the North Basin (State Clearinghouse # 2003128534).

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Northern Service Center

EXEMPT STATUS:

☒ Categorical Exemption Class: 15306 Section: 6

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of basic data collection, research, and resource evaluation activities that do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource and is included as "resource studies, inventories" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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